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THE PHYSICIAN AS A CITIZEN

A MESSAGE TO HAMPDEN

from

CARL BEARSE, M.D., President
Massachusetts Medical Society

I am delighted to greet the Fellows of the Hampden District Medical Society through the medium of this splendid publication. Over the years, Hampden District has built an outstanding record of activity on behalf of its members, and in community affairs. Other districts might well emulate Hampden and assume a larger role in civic projects.

Speaking before the Clinical Meeting of the American Medical Association in Dallas, December 1959, Louis M. Orr, then president of the AMA, urged physicians to take a more active interest in the whole field of politics, public affairs and community life. He reminded his listeners that "a physician cannot, if he values this nation's high standard of medical care, divert his gaze from the social, economic, and political issues which affect the practice of medicine."

It is unfortunate that many physicians, repelled by the connotation the word "politics" has assumed in contemporary American life, stand aloof from any activity outside their professional interests. This, of course, is all wrong. Physicians must be mindful of their responsibilities as citizens as well as professional men. It is not enough to delegate to state and national societies the task of speaking out on issues which directly affect the medical profession. Physicians individually should be active on all matters which vitally concern them and the public welfare.

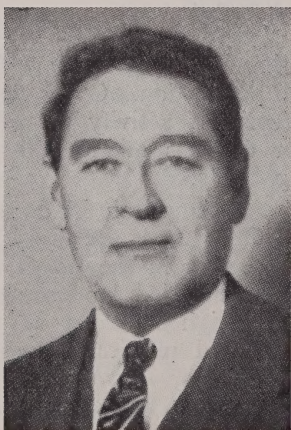
At the special meeting of the AMA held in St. Louis in October 1959

in regard to the Forand bill, physicians were urged to get into politics at the precinct level. This theme was reiterated by Robert E. Smylie, Governor of Idaho; Dale Alford, M.D., Congressman from Arkansas; Thomas B. Curtis, Congressman from Missouri; and the top brass of the AMA. Participation at the precinct level does not imply merely a "dabbling in politics". Rather, it means taking a stand on candidates for public office, and on public issues. It involves membership in service organizations, and participation in community planning. It means getting to know our elected officials and representatives better.

The medical profession, broadly speaking, is made up of intelligent, respected members of the community. By virtue of our training and position, we are, therefore, in a unique position to exert a positive influence on issues which affect all the people. Many physicians seem to be content to contribute financially to a community project, but that is not enough. Their brains are also needed to help build a playground or a new high school, to develop a zoning program, better lighting, better government.

To limit our efforts exclusively to professional activities is to deny to ourselves our place in the pattern of American democracy. Civic responsibility is not only an obligation, it is an opportunity and a privilege.

AVE ATQUE VALE



Fellows who were privileged to know and to work with Fred Hagler will not soon forget the serene strength of his character, or the warmth of his friendly interest in the world about him and in the individuals who came and went

therein, whether locally or at large.

A partial list of Dr. Hagler's many services to medicine and mankind is given in his obituary (page 13). The extent of his healing efforts was far-reaching and outstanding.

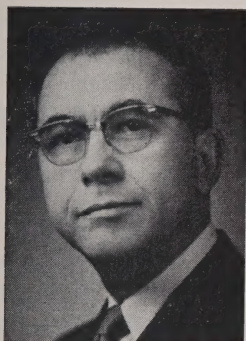
The affairs of the Massachusetts Medical Society prospered during his term of office as President in 1953-54. The circle of his friends was widened in proportion. Indeed, Fred Hagler gave his adequate best wherever he was called on to serve.

It was characteristic of this beloved physician that four days before he moved on to higher fields, he accepted our invitation to join the Hippocrat's Board of Editors. His influence, thankfully, will still be felt, though Fred's earthly assignments are finished.

Requiescat In Pace

E.P.B.

President's Page



COMMITTEES

Committees *make* and pretty much run an organization. We of Hampden District, have been very fortunate in recent years with well functioning committees headed by excellent chairmen.

Recently I witnessed the Chairman of the Public Relations Committee in action. It was the occasion of the Annual Indoctrination Dinner for New Members. Anyone could see, that the chairman had done much more than simply call the meeting, set the time and place, and notify the members. In the first place, he was there early. He greeted everyone and saw to it that the new members were introduced all around. There was constant but inconspicuous maneuvering to bring the group as a whole into the general discussion, avoiding, what is so often seen in larger gatherings, little groups of two's and three's off by themselves, to say nothing of the timid individual who's left alone to wonder why he was invited at all. Thus, the chairman saw to it that there was not only unity in the group but also an atmosphere of congeniality and friendliness. The business portion of the meeting, too, was well organized. The speakers were carefully selected as to their knowledge, interest, and ability to present their subject matter. This was a pleasant experience for me, and I am glad to report it to you as one example, of the high caliber chairmen heading our committees.

On my part, I feel that it is important that I attend as many committee meetings as I can. I know that it will be impossible to attend all of them, but it will be helpful if I am included in the call to all meetings. Whenever I cannot attend, I would appreciate a resume of business transacted, including recommendations and resolutions so that I may study the material before it is presented to the Society as a whole.

I am quite pleased with the councilors and Executive Committee members elected by you at the Annual Meeting. I trust that you similarly will be pleased with the committees that I am duty bound and privileged to appoint.

A list of the committees is presented for your information. Keep the list handy and do not hesitate to approach any chairman for information in the province of his committee.

Alfonso A. Palermo, M.D.

(For new committees, see next page.)

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1960-61

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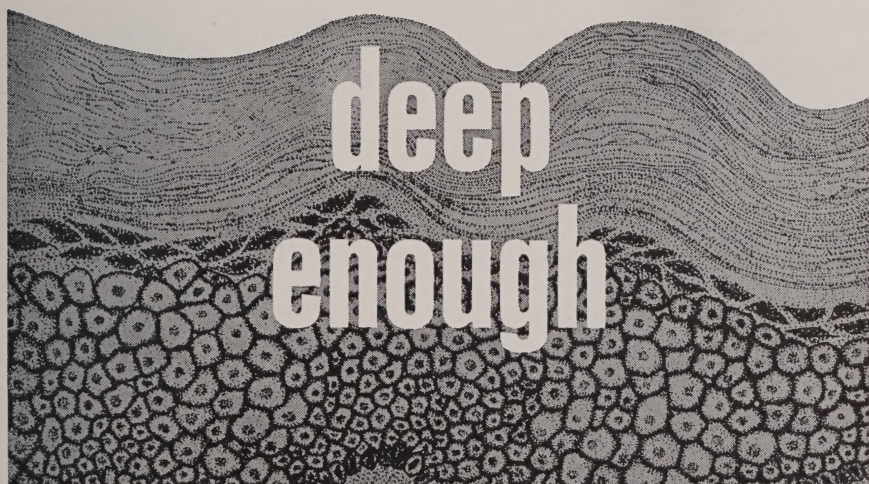
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Internship:

Boston City Hospital (Medical Service)

Residency:

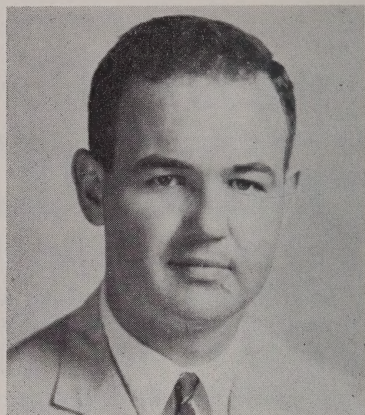
Worcester City Hospital (General Practice Residency)

St. Francis Hospital, Hartford (Medical Residency)

Boston City Hospital (Medical Residency)

Military Service: U.S.A.F. (M.C.) Captain

Specialty: General Practice



WILLIAM R. DUVAL, M. D.

Born: Chelsea, Mass., Feb. 16, 1933

Office Address: 90 South Street, Ware, Mass.

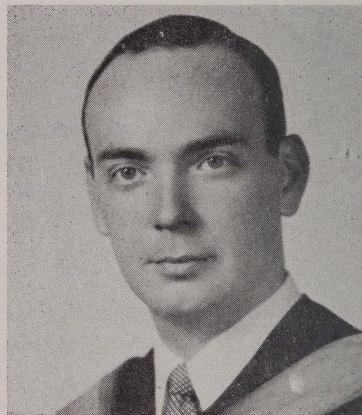
School:

New York Medical College

Internship:

General Hospital of Riverside County,
Arlington, Cal. (Rotating)

Specialty: General Practice



GEORGE H. FLESSAS, M. D.

Born: Boston, Mass., July 14, 1923

School:

Boston University School of Medicine
Harvard School of Public Health

Internship:

St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin

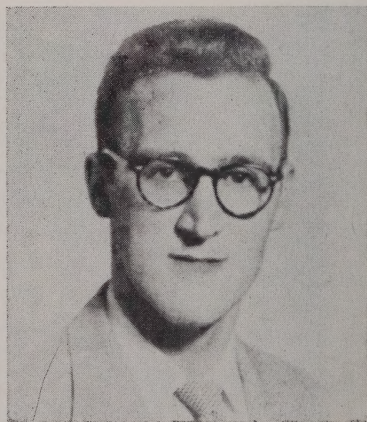
Residency: Boston City Hospital (Pediatrics)

Military Service:

Army U.S. 1943-1946 P.F.C.

U.S.A.F. (M.C.) 1949-1950 Captain

Specialty: Pediatrics



NEW MEMBERS

JOSEPH B. GREENSPAN, M. D.

Born: Montreal, Canada, July 18, 1926

Office Address: 20 Maple Street, Springfield

School:

Queen's University Faculty of Medicine

Internship:

Kingston General Hospital (Rotating)

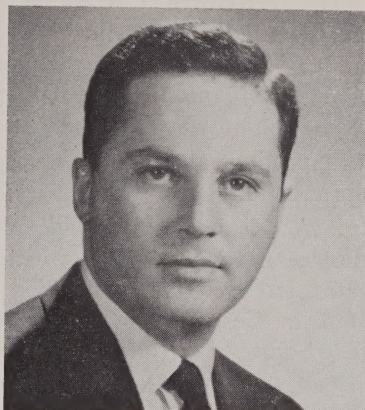
Lahey Clinic (Medicine)

Kaiser Foundation Hospital (Allergy)

Military Service:

Royal Canadian Navy (Reserve) Surgeon-Lieutenant

Specialty: Internal Medicine



ROBERT I. KATZ, M. D.

Born: Springfield, Mass., Dec. 16, 1924

Office Address: 146 Chestnut Street, Springfield

School:

Tufts University Medical School

Internship:

Charity Hospital of Louisiana (Rotating)

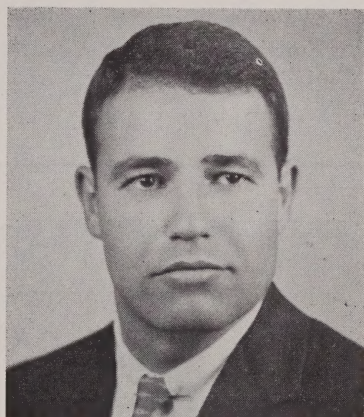
Residency:

Charity Hospital of Louisiana (Pathology)

Boston City Hospital (Surgery)

Military Service: U.S.N. Lieutenant

Specialty: Surgery



BRUCE B. STOLER, M. D.

Born: Brooklyn, L.I., N.Y., Dec. 9, 1927

Office Address:

X-Ray Dept., The Springfield Hospital

School:

Harvard Medical School

Internship:

The Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia (Rotating)

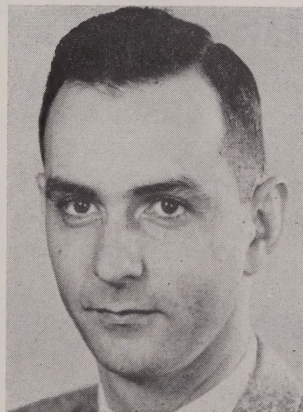
Residency:

Boston Veterans' Administration Hospital (Medical)

Boston Veterans' Administration Hospital (Radiology)

Position:

Radiologist, The Springfield Hospital



EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Hampden District Medical Society met on May 10, 1960 at Providence Hospital, Dr. John Burke presiding.

1. Plans were discussed to hold future meetings at Municipal Hospital in Springfield.

2. A Health and Accident Insurance plan was discussed which originates from a Hartford office. Dr. William Cosgriff's committee will be called upon to consider such a plan.

3. A letter was read reiterating Dr. Burke's stand on multiple appeals for multiple diseases.

4. The Grievance Committee heard a complaint against a physician and found for the physician.

Roy T. Smith, M. D., Sec'y.

HOW TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS

The Committee on Ethics and Discipline recently sent to each district society a list of suggestions as to the handling of complaints received by district grievance committees, as follows:

1. Only complaints in writing should be received.
2. Copies of such letters should be sent to the physicians involved for their consideration.
3. Matters of medical ethics that might result in deprivation of membership should be referred to the state Committee on Ethics and Discipline.
4. Disagreements regarding fees should be adjudicated by district committees so far as possible. Where settlement cannot be reached, the matter should be referred to the Committee on Ethics and Discipline.

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THE A.M.A. 8-POINT PROGRAM FOR THE HEALTH CARE OF THE AGED.

Dr. Louis M. Orr, president of the A.M.A., issued the following statement on May 5th on the Eisenhower administration's medical care plan for the aged, which was announced in Washington the day before. Dr. Orr's statement in behalf of the A.M.A. follows:

The administration proposal is based on the false premise that almost all persons over 65 need health care and cannot afford it. This is not a fact. The truth is that a majority of our older people are capable of continuing a happy, healthy, and in many cases, productive life. Of the more than fifteen million persons in the nation over 65 years of age, only 15 per cent are on old age assistance. An undetermined number, although able to finance other costs, find it difficult to withstand the additional burden of the cost of illness. It is for these people that something should be done. Neither the Forand-type legislation nor the Administration proposal are tailored to meet these problems.

Here is A.M.A.'s positive, constructive 8-point program for the health care of the aged:

- (1) **The Needy Aged.** These aged now receive health care through Old Age Assistance Programs. Here the need is for better organized medical care programs, including improved preventive medical care.
- (2) **The Near-Needy.** This is the group whose size is indeterminate, who can meet ordinary costs of living but cannot pay for health care costs. The A.M.A. supports a state-administered program of federal grants-in-aid to the states for the liberalization of

existing Old Age Assistance programs so that the near-needy could be given health care without having to meet the present rigid requirements for indigency.

- (3) **Facilities.** Better nursing home facilities for the long-term care of the aged person, especially those over the age of 75, is the most urgent health care need before the nation today. The average duration of stay is 2 years. A.M.A. supports federal programs for the provision of grants through the Hill-Burton mechanism to provide for new nursing home additions to existing hospitals. A.M.A. is also cooperating with the American Nursing Home Association and the American Hospital Association in an effort to bring about a rapid improvement in medical care provided in nursing homes.
- (4) **Voluntary Health Insurance.** Health insurance and prepayment policies tailored to meet the needs of the aged for long-term nursing home care, must be developed as rapidly as possible. Health insurers and the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans across the nation are already experimenting in this new area of coverage.
- (5) **Home Nursing Care.** Care of the aged patient at home is psychologically,

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medically, and financially desirable. Many programs to promote home care are being developed. Home-maker's services also promote opportunities for children caring for aged mothers or fathers to continue gainful occupation. They need to be expanded.

- (6) **Attitude Toward Aged.** A basic change in attitude toward the aged persons must be brought about. The person who reaches 65 has not suddenly become non-productive, and senescent. On the contrary, most persons over 65 are reasonably well and able to work. Increased productivity by eliminating compulsory retirement and permitting voluntary change of work is an essential part of the answer to the present problem.
- (7) **Health Education.** Many older persons are unaware of the need for continuing healthful nutrition and other practices that contribute to good health. Above all the "will to live" is essential to continuing health. Prevention medical measures instituted long before the age of 65 also can contribute materially to the promotion of good health after age 65.
- (8) **The Purchasing Power of the Dollar.** One of the principal economic problems of the aged person in the last twenty years has been the constant and continuing erosion of the purchasing power of his pension benefits. Any government program to help the aged must be anti-inflationary and maintain the purchasing power of fixed pension and annuity benefits.

Sensible, economical health care programs for the aged that preserve freedom at the same time they promote security must necessarily be limited to support for the needy aged and leave to voluntary, competitive, private enterprise, those activities needed to improve the health of the rest.

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INDOCTRINATION DINNER - MEETING

Under the auspices of the Public Relations Committee an Indoctrination dinner-meeting was held at Storowton on Monday, May 23, 1960.

The following new members were present: Drs. William R. Duval, George H. Flessas, Joseph B. Greenspan, Edward W. Jenkins, Sigmundur M. Jonsson, Robert I. Katz, C. Paul Nay, Henery G. Ring, Bruce B. Stoler, Walter F. Tauber, and Eber A. Wein.

President Palermo welcomed the new members in behalf of the Society. He expressed pleasure at the fine turnout (11 out of a possible 15), and urged all to attend meetings and to otherwise participate in Society affairs.

Dr. Theodore Miner, our retiring Legislative Councilor, described the function of his recent office as well as that of the Legislative Committee. Eighty medical bills on the State House agenda during recent months required close scrutiny and constant vigilance on the part of that committee. He advised to follow carefully all legislative activities on both state and national levels, but warned against rushing in with haphazard recommendations that so often backfire.

Executive Councilor Dr. Allen Johnson then spoke of the organization and function of Council, which he described as a legislative and policy making agency. He described also the functions of the District Grievance Committee and of the state Committee

on Ethics and Discipline. Problems are of three types: (1) Between physician and patient; (2) between M.D. and M.D.; and (3) between physician and the public. "Ethics" is often more a question of "Etiquette" rather than anything else. The fellow with larceny in his heart will somehow find a way of getting around any code of ethics.

The purpose and function of the Hampden Hippocrat were described by its editor, Dr. Max Millman. Our bulletin, he stated, serves not only as an instrument of information but also as a sounding board for the entire membership.

The final speaker was Dr. John Turner who explained to the group the problems of malpractice and of medico-legal affairs. He suggested the type and size of malpractice insurance to carry, and also what to do when threatened with lawsuits. He called attention to the ever increasing incidence of malpractice suits, which happens to be highest in California and lowest in Pennsylvania.

The most interesting part of the meeting, without doubt, was the question and answer period which followed. Many practical points were brought to light and clarified. Practically every one in attendance participated in the discussion.

J. M. Baker, Chairman
Public Relations Committee

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Dr. Hagler died on May 13, 1960 at the age of 73, at the Wesson Memorial Hospital.

Born in Columbus, Kansas, Dr. Hagler graduated from Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, in 1910 where he remained to teach for several years. He moved to Springfield in 1920.

As an Army medical officer he served with the AEF in 1918-1919. For his services with the Red Cross in Belgrade, Serbia, in 1915, when a typhus epidemic struck that country, Dr. Hagler was awarded the medal of Order of St. Sava.

Few men have served our profession with as much loyalty and devotion as did Dr. Hagler. He was a past president of the Massachusetts Medical Society, the Hampden District Medical Society, the Springfield Academy of Medicine and the Wesson Memorial Hospital. He continued as a member of the state Committee on Ethics and Discipline until the time of his death. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Municipal Hospital.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the surviving members of his family and to his many friends and associates.

M.M.S. ELECTS

The following members of the Massachusetts Medical Society were elected for the offices stated at the Annual Meeting of the Council, May 16, 1960.

President-elect, David W. Wallwork,

Essex North

Vice-president, Warren Babson,

Essex South

Secretary, Robert W. Buck, Charles River

Treasurer, Eliot Hubbard, Jr.,

Middlesex South

Assistant Treasurer, Norman A. Welch,
Norfolk

Orator, Alfred L. Frechette, Norfolk

(President-elect, Dr. Carl Bearse, assumed the Presidency during the course of the Annual Meeting.)

The following members were elected to

represent the Society:

Delegates to the A.M.A.

Lewis S. Pilcher, Charles River

Lawrence R. Dame, Franklin

Charles G. Hayden, Charles River

Alternate Delegate to the A.M.A.

Urban H. Eversole, Norfolk

Max Ritvo, Middlesex South

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The Judicial Council does not believe that the use of physician's name in connection with a civic project should, in itself, be considered contrary to the Principles of Medical Ethics. The council believes it is an excellent thing for physicians to take part in civic enterprises."

A.M.A. News, March 21, 1960

CORRESPONDENCE

Physician's Fee Comes Last

Dear Hippocrat:

An item in the May 1, 1960 issue of Modern Medicine quoting the A.M.A. reports that American physicians are getting a smaller share of the medical care dollar than twenty years ago. The physician's share dropped from 31¢ in 1938 to 24¢ in 1958, a decrease of 22.6%. Hospitals received 17¢ of the medical dollar in 1938 and 26¢ in 1958, an increase of 52.9%.

Recently, I had an experience which brings this point straight home. One of my maternity patients was given prenatal care for a period of 7 months including 12 office visits. She delivered a male infant, following a prolonged labor because of an occiput posterior presentation. Five days post partum, I did a circumcision on the baby, and on the sixth hospital day, the mother was discharged. Six weeks after delivery she came to my office for a check-up.

The husband of my patient works for a milk company, and pays for a family health insurance policy which allows \$200 total maternity benefits. After filling out the insurance forms, I received a check from the insurance company for \$1.55 (one dollar and fifty-five cents) with the following notation: cost of hospital care \$198.45—benefits remaining for doctor \$1.55.

I was relating this story to a group of physicians in the doctors' room, and one of them said, "Doctor, I am sure you were overpaid for the services you rendered to your patient!"

Sol M. Gold, M.D.

Medical Museum

Dear Hippocrat:

The following report was presented by the Museum Committee of the Springfield Academy of Medicine at its recent Annual Meeting. The contents of this report, I believe, will prove of interest to all the fellows of our District Society:

"The idea of a memorial committee is not new in our academy. Dr. George L. Schadt, at the time of the 300th anniversary of Springfield, collected the money from some 20 Academy leaders, to secure the paintings of six symbolic figures of Springfield Medicine, spaced at fifty-year periods.

These paintings as well as a bronze plaque commemorating the donors are now posted in the Academy.

Having seen a like project in other museums, it has been the hope of your committee of three that a glass case could be procured and placed in the academy library for the deposit and preservation of unusual materials associated with the history of medicine in the Springfield area. With the advice of Mr. Frederick Robinson, curator of the Springfield Art Museum, who has surveyed our quarters, information was secured and the plans from the manufacturers were studied. The quoted price was about \$400. The budget never seemed to allow this, and then one day about six months ago, a member of our academy, Dr. Malcolm

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Allen, offered to build one. This he has done, furnishing his own materials. Efforts like this are unusual and deeply appreciated.

This case is now in our quarters, and before anything is deposited for display, we would hope that members of the Academy, who have in their possession materials suitable for historical display, would contact the Academy. Later, the committee would meet and decide what would seem suitable.

We have a very wonderful Academy library, and as time goes on, we would hope that the members and the many visitors who come there for information, would be increasingly impressed with the ideals and the dedication of our profession."

W. A. R. Chapin, M. D.

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Assistant Principal
Springfield Trade High School

N. E. PEDIATRIC SOCIETY MEETS IN SPRINGFIELD

The Spring Meeting of the New England Pediatric Society was held in Springfield and Wesson Maternity hospitals, and the evening meeting at the Crestview Country Club. Papers at the afternoon meeting were given by local men on a wide variety of clinical subjects, and the evening meeting was addressed by Dr. Herbert Wilkins of Cardiff, Wales, who spoke on Pediatrics in the British Isles under the National Health Act. Presiding at the meeting was Dr. David Clement, President of the Society and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Yale Medical School. About one hundred pediatricians were in attendance.

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For the fourth consecutive year the Hampden District Medical Society has participated in the Science Fairs of the local high schools.

Fifteen high schools conducted the Science Fairs and at each of the schools members of the Society viewed the exhibits and made the awards to the winners. First prize winners received \$15 and a certificate. Second prize winners received \$10 and a certificate.

The following high schools participated in the Science Fairs:

AGAWAM

(award made by Dr. John C. Tate)

1st prize	2nd prize
Carleton Smith	Donald Galica
Exhibit: Cancer	Exhibit: Brain Anatomy and Motor Areas

CATHEDRAL

(award made by Dr. Martin B. Murray)

1st prize	2nd prize
Catherine Leary	Susan Driscoll
Exhibit: Anaphylaxis and Hypersensitivity	Exhibit: Growth Factors and Plants

CHICOPEE

(award made by Dr. Edward I. Kraus)

1st prize	2nd prize
Stephen Pezda	Diane Olbrych
Exhibit: Plants Grow to Music	Exhibit: Hydroponics

CLASSICAL

(award made by

Dr. Garry DeN. Hough, III)

1st prize	2nd prize
John R. Solin	Martin Bass
Exhibit: Effect of Fear and Tranquilizers on the Metabolism of White Rats	Exhibit: Diffuse Activity Changes following Brain Irradiation of White Rats

COMMERCE

(award made by Dr. O. J. Menard)

1st prize	2nd prize
Joan Quimette	Jean Wilder
Exhibit: Diagnostic Aid-	Exhibit: Distillation and
Oral and Blood Smears	Purification of Salt
	Water by Solar Radia-
	tion

HOLYOKE

(award made by Dr. Richard J. Maher)

1st prize	2nd prize
Raymond Mutter	James Frenette
Exhibit: Penicillin in	Exhibit: Structure of
Milk	Frogs

LONGMEADOW

(award made by Dr. Robert W. Emery)

1st prize	2nd prize
Jonathan Sinish	William Cox and
Exhibit: Through the	Douglas Ellis
Microscope	Exhibit: The Effect of
	Male Hormones on the
	Secondary Sex Char-
	acteristics of Female
	Chickens

PALMER

(award made by Dr. Joseph E. Slowick)

1st prize	2nd prize
John Bogacz	Linda Lloyd
Exhibit: Penicillin vs	Exhibit: Development
Streptomycin	of Chick Embryo

PRECIOUS BLOOD—HOLYOKE

(award made by Dr. Richard J. Maher)

1st prize	2nd prize
Donna Desilets	Arlene Miller
Exhibit: Vitamin De-	Exhibit: Embryology
ficiencies	

SACRED HEART—HOLYOKE

(award made by Dr. Richard J. Maher)

1st prize	2nd prize
Carlton Vogt	Kathleen Kennedy
Exhibit: Study Habits	Exhibit: Hepatitis
of High School Students	

ST. JEROME'S—HOLYOKE

(award made by Dr. Richard J. Maher)

1st prize	2nd prize
Maureen Fitzgerald	Cynthia Crowley

ST. MARY'S—WESTFIELD

(award made by Dr. Harold J. Holleran and Dr. Edwin J. Gillis)

1st prize	2nd prize
Gary Gelanger	Jane Martone
Exhibit: The Human	Exhibit: Child Diseases
Eye	

TECHNICAL

(award made by Dr. Theodore R. Miner)

1st prize	2nd prize
Linda Schecterle	Jo-Anne Babcock
Exhibit: Adeno-Carci-	Exhibit: Diabetes
noma of the Mouse	
Mammary Gland	

WARE

(award made by Dr. Ralph T. Miller)

1st prize	2nd prize
Louise McCarthy	Linda Milos
and Elaine Lalashu-	Exhibit: Muscular Dys-
is	trophy
Exhibit: Heredity	

WEST SPRINGFIELD

(award made by Dr. Charles A. Diamond)

1st prize	2nd prize
Robert Youmell	Jeanne Shapter
Exhibit: The Circula-	Exhibit: Skin Grafting
tion of Radio-Active Io-	and Plastic Surgery
dine in the Parabiotic	
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Robert Youmell (West Springfield High)
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DISEASE PATTERNS

Surgery today is almost twice as safe as a generation ago. Surgical mortality has dropped from 0.14% in 1925-34 to 0.08% for 1945-54—a decrease of nearly half. Even more dramatic is the reduction in mortality rates for certain specialized operations. In 1956, for example, the mortality rate from the procedure to correct aneurysm of the abdominal aorta was 1.8%—only three years earlier the rate had been 25%.

Deaths from staphylococcal septicemia have been increasing steadily during the past decade, and for 1958 the number of deaths from this cause was 60% in excess of that for 1937.

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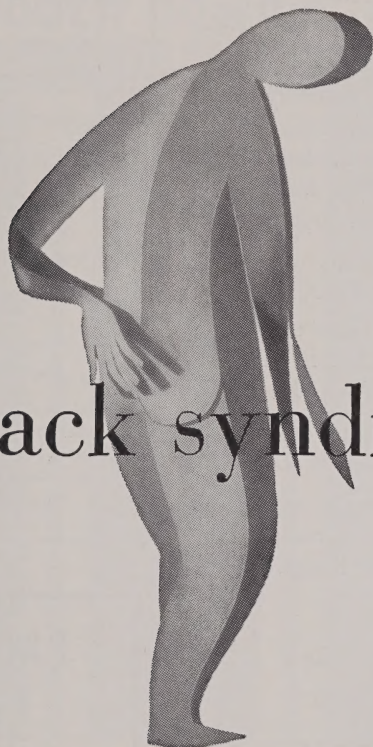
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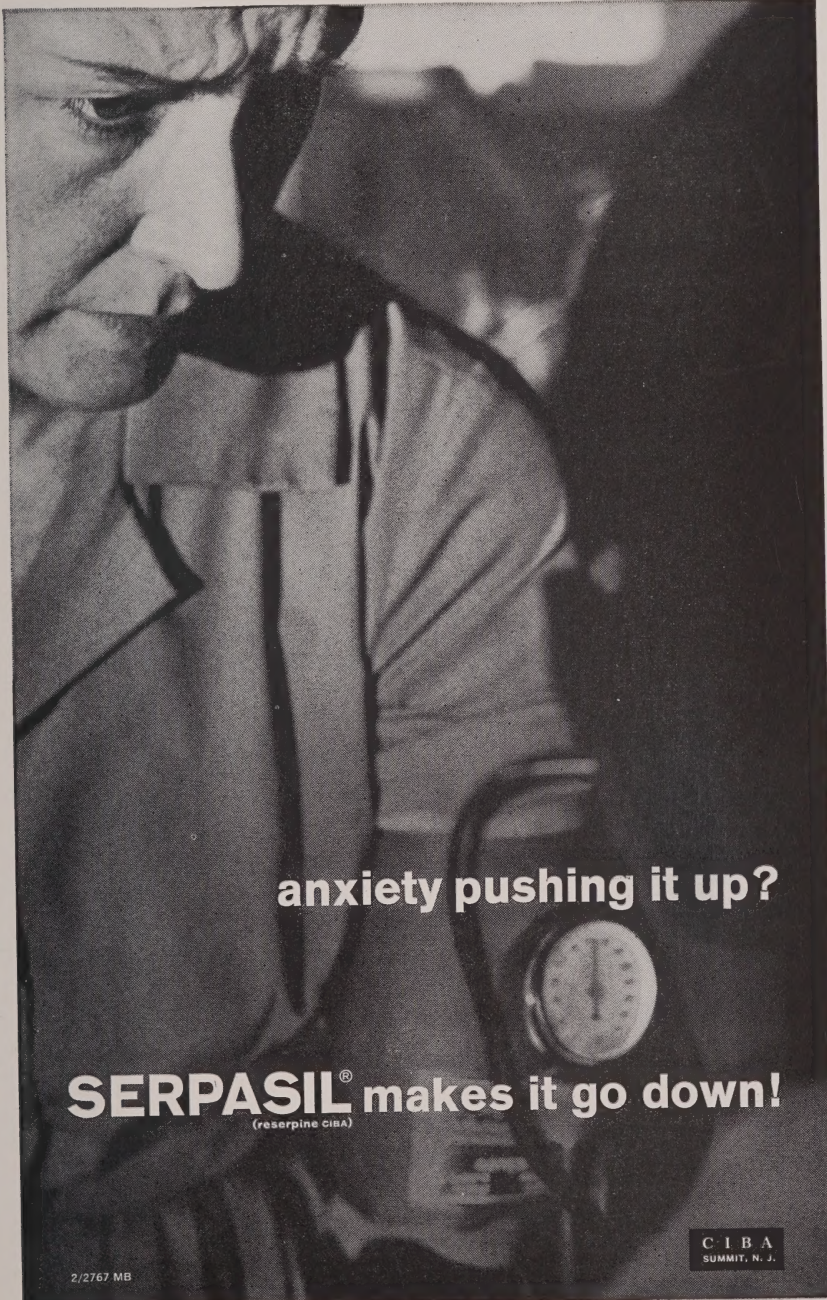
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